



Hours and Stated Pay

The People All Interested in the Legis-

lative Investigation of the Oyster

Grounds-They Expect Baylor

Survey to Be Broken.

CAPE CHARLES, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VA., Aug. 8.—The labor ques-

county, A. Aug. s.—The man distribution is giving more trouble on the Eastern Shore than in any section of the State to which I have been. That is, the farmers are making more complaint about the searcity of labor and their inability to obtain sufficient help for the cultivation of

more serious trouble than there is at pres-ent. There has been formed quite recently an organization of the negroes in Acco-msc and Northampton, in which the mem-

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Norfolk negro instituted the first not the kind in this section. One farregretted that they had not driven away when he was here, but he inrated the movement and got back before any of them knew what he is up to," as the farmer expressed

borers must not go to work until 7 o'clock A. M., and the fields must be deserted at 6 o'clock P. M. All adult laborers bind themselves not to work for a less sum than 31.50 a day. The dues from each member are said to be \$1 a month. It is presumed that there are a sufficient number of officers to look after the receipts, and see that there is no great surplus created.

Some of the farmers are inclined to laugh at the idea of a union of negro farm hands, but I have met many who regurd the movement seriously, and who think that it will yet cause trouble for them. It would appear that with labor as scarce as it is at present, anything which would tend to make it still more difficult to obtain might well be cause for alarm.

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TO BREAK BAYLOR SURVEY.

People of other sections of the State can have no idea or the wine literest with which those or Tidewe who which the companion to investigate the result of the cruise, when the legislative commission to investigate into conditions prevailing in the observation are going to make in a short time. In the past week I have hardly met a man opinion as to the result of the legislative tour.

my housekeeping book, I had a cash balance of from five to fifteen dollars, but no cash, and so I fell into the habit of writing as the last entry of the month 'sundries,' and opposite this the amount of the cash balance. This was the only way in which I could bring things out even." Imagine the practical housekeeper of to-day glossing over such a discrepancy in such a manner.

Naturally enough, when women enter

repancy in such a manufacture of business the curve new department of business the question arises, is she a success? Records thow that few, indeed, are the positions which she has been adjudged inadequate of fill. For a number of years her success as a book-keeper has been assured. which she has been adjudged inadequate to fill. For a number of years her success as a book-keeper has been assured, and yet inherently she possesses as little talent for this work as any she has ever yet attempted. It is easily seen that precision, neatness, mathematical ability and method are essential qualities of a book-keeper. Save neatness, which of these belong elementary to the feminine mind? Not precision, since to do the same thing in the same way an innumerable number of times is gall and wormwood to the average woman. Not mathematical genius, for women are acknowledged by the majority to possess the opposite of the reasoning mind, and certainly not method, for to act from impuse has always been her prerogative. What, then, accounts for her success in this business? Mainly educational training. Girls are no longer superficially oducated, but just as boys are trained in grammar and high schools, to meet and cope with the great life problems, of self-suport, a dogged persoverance and a willingness to work for less than a man, and you will have the key to her success, not only in book-keeping, but also in many other occupations.

For the girl who can do the work there is no more desirable position than that of bookkeeper for any of Several reasons. It is clean, private, renumerative, intellectual. It is clean, no position in which she cannot keep herself looking trim and neat commends itself to a woman. If this he wanity, then vanity has ceased to be a vice. Clearly there is nothing to prevent the bookkeeper from being the very acme of neatness. The work is comparatively private. Every really modest girl shrinks from publicity of any kind, and so it is with delight that the girl, who must work, secures a position in when she is, in a measure, sheltered from the gaze of the idle. Work which requires special preparations, justly commands

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better pay than that which may be done by any one. Thus we find that book-keeping along with stenography and teaching generally pays fairly well. Last-ly, bookkeeping is an intellectual work At all times and in all lands brain work has been placed on a higher basis than manual labor. The "way" philosophers are yet discussing. Thus the ambitious man or woman is more desirous of such a position.

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While, as above detailed, in many ways, bookkeeping is a position to be coveted by the girl upon whem has descended the penalty of Adam, there are many trying features connected with it. It requires infinite patience, unlimited work, ceasless worry and cytra good temper to succeed in this accountanta work. Even those most ignorant of any form of busines know that bookkeeping has to to do with an index, day book, journal, ledger, etc., but few realize the amount of work necessary to keep these various books in order, or the business know-ledge requisite for the proper entries, corest balancing, etc. A bit of work obnoxious to most bookkeepers is the task of monthly making, and sending to the various patrons of the firm bills of their accounts. A common phrase on the lips of the bookkeeper, when asked to do this or that it, "I can't it's two near the first of the month.

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Go into some large establishment and seek out the hook-keeper. You are directed to a tail desk, at which is seated a a young woman with curly hair and a brisk, business-like manner. You say to yourself, "That child certainly does not know enough about business to keep the books of such a concern as this." Quosition her, and you will find how completely she understands her work, how thorough is her business knowledge and how familiar she is with the financial condition of firm, city and country. Surely such ability as this goes further toward proving the intellectual equality of men and women than does the mastering of ancient latin or Greek.

Thus the various kinds of work, which formerly, it was thought, could be done only by men, are to-day being performed by men and women. Irrespectively. This is as it should be. If women must work, should they not have the privilege of doing anything for which they have the ability and endurnee? Bively have they striven to gain this end. After years of perseverance, amid creaking, ridicule and blame, they have secured a place in the business world almost equal to that held by man, and, thank God, without losting ione lota of their feminine tenderness, grace and charm.

pay tribute to the wealthy men who were able to purchase the natural rock.

A BIG INDUSTRY.

The oyster and clam industries have assumed enormous proportions in Virginia. There are many large fortunes made from oysters. But it is a remarkable fact that few men who take the oysters and clams from the water become rich. The fortunes are made by those who buy from the oystermen or the clam digger, and sell in the markets of the larger cities.

The people of the Eastern Shore are not asking for means and encouragement

LABOR-SAVING MACHINE USED

Work Once Considered Hard, Hot and Wearing Now Done with Ease and Pleasure

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MORRISVILLE, VA., Aug. &.—The double shovel is passing away, and with it many a long, weary hot day in the cornicid for the patient, plodding, climbing agriculturist. With the double shovel, the sidewipes (a cultivator with three teeth), the five-tooth cultivator, the various home-made pattern and all other wheeless implements used in this cultivation of corn will be relegated to the shades of oblivion. No longer will the various fine points of a genuine Maita be the subject of a recocurring discussion to the crowd on the porch of the country store.

Who knows? It may only be a few years until we see the discarded double shovels bought up at fabulous prices, repainted, tied up with ribbons and placed in the parlors of the wealthy beside the old spinning-wheel, the wooden plitchforks and the rustic chairs of our forefathers, 'round which will gather a halo of romaince undreamed of in its age and usefulness.

coated with mud, how as the sun slowly mounted higher growing each moment fiercer and more unbearable he labored to keep the plates up against the row, to keep a fractious horse between two rows with a rope line tight around his shoulders and to keep his temper and how he often lost on all three points; how when the old horn sounded across the hills he watered, stabled and fed his horse and then hot, dusty, hungry and tired, he climbed the steps to the vine-covered back porch to find saugly enseenced there, cool and debonair, the girl who in his opinion stood several notehes above any other pirl in the world and who unfortunately for him selected that day to visit his sisters. Awkward miserable and for the sisters, Awkward miserable and for the compad that the maiden was pleasant and friendly, only embarrassed him the more.

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But to the corn cultivator of the future all that is past. At noon or night he will dismount from a comfortable riding cultivator, with an umbrella over the seat, in the plak/of condition, with clothes clean and spotiess and with his sister's xirl friends he will calmily discuss aipling, Khayyam and the Intest historical novel or plan for those social diversions that youth ever longs for. If a little fancy he can wear kid gloves, patent leather shoes, etc., sit on an air cushion and with a fan geared to the wheels, corn-plowing, where once a drudgery, will become the soft job on the farm.

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STATELY VA. HOMES

Some Famous Old Country Places of the Southside.

THEIR HISTORIC INTEREST

Mecklenburg, Charlotte and Lunenburg Counties Abound in These Seats of Famous Families of the Old Commonwealth.

The beautiful and hospitable homes of Southside Virginia are distinctive reminders of a day when their owners ranked among the wealthlest and most influential class in the State. The times are now sadly out of joint, but scattered here and there, throughout the villages and country neighborhoods of Mecklen burg, Charlotte and Lunenburg, are charming establishments associated with names that are indissolubly linked with Virginia's past and present history.

Some of these homes are still in the occupied them for generations. Others have passed to strangers. In all instances, however, the romance and tradition which have enshrined them, the memories that linked them closely with the survivors of the era of Virginia's golden days of affluence and prosperity, give a flavor and a zest to all that is written or spoken in song or story concerning them. Virginia's past still makes her a famous camping ground for the artist, the writer and the tourist—in short, for the seeker after the beautiful and the imperishable; that which survives the storm and the stress of years, because, like pure gold, it is indestructible.

SOME OLD BOYDTON HOMES.
The visitor to Southside Virginia cannot fall to be most favorably impressed among others, with the charming home of Colonel Thomas F. Goode. It is situated on the outskirts of the little town of Boydton, and all that time, care and taste can do towards beautifying outside surroundings and making the interior something to be always remembered is shown in the plain handwriting of resoults.

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note and admire.

"Beverly," the historic home of the
Baskerville family, beautifully situated
on the Roanoke River, has been recently
sold to Mr. Moore, who has removed his
family from the famous Shenandeah Valley since his acquisition of Beverly. It
seems fortunate to know that the present
owner appreciates the value of his property, and will treat it with the respect
due so time-honored an estate.

THE OLD SKIPWITH MANSION.
"Prestwood," near Clarksville, assoclated with its long-time owner, Mr. Fulwer Skipwith, is another one of the
plantations which makes its locality noteworthy. It was in bygone days a great
center of lavish entertaining and goelal
refinement, and is still the show place
of the section in which it stands. The
Haskins' residence, the home of Mr. Robert Haskins, and that of Mr. McGhee,
both situated in Clarksville, are fine types
of a more modern style of Southern architecture.

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Roanoke River seems always to call to mind John Randolph, whose visiting cards bore the simple inscription across their face—"John Randolph of Roanoke."
The banks of the Roanoke, during his day and since, were dotted by large plantations, many of which have been recently purchased by Philadelphians as stock farms or hunting preserves.

STOCK PARMS OF SOUTHSIDE.
The rearing of fine stock is a marked industry of Southside Virginia. The hunting there sends the hunter home in the evening with a heavy game bag and a Joyous heart. Among the stock farms lately sold are those easily recognized under the titles of "North Bend" and "Boxwood,"
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The Bouldin homestead, in Charlotte county, is one of its most remarkable places, and one around which some of the most delightful traditions are woven. The Bouldins have as a family for generations back been prominent jurists and distinguished for their vivacity and quickness in repartee. The old judge was one of the most hospitable of men. Around his hearth and his board were often assembled the brightest legal talent of the day. in whose society there was always a feast of reason and a flow of soul.

"Red Hill," near Chase City, Va., was the boyhood home of Mr. Thomas F. Jeffress, of this city. Doubtless the charming memories of earlier days have inspired him in the improvement of his present country residence, one of the suburban attractions of Richmond.

Mr. Theodore Roberts is the proprietor of an elegant home in Chase City, a Southside Virginia town, which is fast growing into a resort, with one of the finest hotels anywhere in the Old Dominion—the Mecklenburg.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Primitive Bantist Association-The Hall Storms Damage Crops. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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Circuit on Wednesday and continued through Friday. Messrs. G. W. Gammon and J. Lawson Carier were delegates from this place. On account of illness of Rev. Whitmore's daughter he was unable to attend.

The Primitive Baptist Association met with Pickaway Church Friday to continue through Sunday. These associations always attract large crowds, which was very much augmented this time by the large number of candidates present, who are very anxious to serve the "dear people" in the various county offices. Condition of growing crops is very fine, especially corn and tobacco, which has improved very much since the recent rains. Digging Irish potatoes and sowing turnips are now in full swins. The wheat and oat crops as a whole was quite a failure, and very much so in some sections than in others. Few tomatoes are coming in, but will not be enough to give the cannery steady work for several days yet.

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Rev. James Arthur, of this place, this week closed a series of meetings at Spring Garden Church.

The Roanoke Baptist Association, composed of forty-two churches, nearly all of which are in Pittsylvania county, will meet with Shockoe Church on Tuesday, August Lith, in its one hundred and thir-August 11th, in its one hundred and thit teenth meeting.

teenth meeting.

Extensive preparations have been made to accommodate the large crowd which has always attended this association.

Misses Beulah Ponton and Margare Williams, who have been guests of Miss Blanche Fitzgerald, left this week, the former returning to ber home in Danville and the other visiting friends in Lynch-hurz and Bounoke.

burg and Roanoke. Miss Linda White returned from a very pleasant visit to Charlotte county.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marshall were of Tuesday made the happy parents of an

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Dr. W. T. Canada left on Wednesday for Buffalo Ridge Springs to remain three weeks recuperating his health.

Recent helistorms in the county, about twelve miles west of this place, Nivo damaged tobacco very much in some iocalities. Some few were protected by the Virginia Hall Insurance Company, which has done very large business in this county.

Elder P. D. Gold, editor of "Zion's Landmark," Wilson, N. C., preached at the Presbyterian Church Priday night.

Mr. Gold was en route to the Primitre Baptist Association, which met with Pickaway Church Priday.

The fight for county treasurer and county clerk is waxing warmer as the primary draws near, which is to be held on Saturday, August 15th.

MR. GROSECLOSE SHOCKED

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BRISTOL, TENN., Aug. 8.—Mr. F. A.

Groseclose, who for quite a while was located in Breathitt county, Ky., as a stenographer, recently graduated from the law department of the University of Virginia, and has since been licensed by the Supreme Court of Virginia to practice his profession, has located in Bristol. While in Kentucky Mr. Groseclose was connected with the office of Attorney Marcum, who was later assassinated and for whose murder Jett and White have been on trial for their lives.

Mr. Groseclose says that Mr. Marcum was a clever gentleman and a good law-ver. Mr. Groseclose was impressed with the uniform kindness of the people of liteathitt county during his stay among them. He says that they were without exception very kind to him, and the fact that there has since that time been so much cloodshed in the county, is a sreat shock to him.

There was an interesting family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T.

J. Thomas, in Holston Valley, this week, when the aged couple were surrounded by all their children and grandehidren, who came from several different States. Dr. W. S. Neighbors, paston of State-Street Methodist Church, is ill of typhold fever.

Mr. Charles Yonce, of Richmond, Va.

r. Charles Yonce, of Richmond, Va., heen the guest of his parents, Mr. Mrs. C. Yonce, here this week. ss Embrey, the popular stenographer he office of the clerk of the courts, is spending her summer vacation relatives in Fauquier county, Vir-

ton. Stuart F. Lindsey and family are home after a visit among relatives

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THE OYSTER QUESTION.
"I am sure the people of upland Virminia do not understand the oyster indus-

Book-keeping is a mercantile term, used to denote the method of keeping accounts of any kind in such a manner that a person may at any time know the exact state of his affairs. In this practical age few, indeed, are the men lax enough to trust their pecuniary affairs to memory. Not only do large and enterprising firms have their system of book-keeping, but also every up-to-date farmer, mechanics and day laborer keep an account with every person with whom they transact business. It has become an established custom to teach book-keeping in all public schools, and besides there are business colleges on every hand, where both boys and girls may learn the principles of this business in a few months.

We no longer marvel at the many and varied occupations in which the women in to-day are engaged, be they commercial, financial, literary or domestic. When we read that some women are architects and some civil engineers, it seems perfectly legitimate that girls of eighteen and twenty years of age should possess sufficient mathematical ability to keep the books of large manufacturing and other mercantile establishments. Not so many years ago, however, it was beyond the skill of the average woman to keep even her household accounts in order. "I always found," said a whito-haured cid lady of the anter-bellum period, "that at the end of the month, according to

THE EASTERN SHORE LABOR

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the rock contained with the Baylor survey, is the property of the State. It is a
common. The oyster and clams within the
lines of the survey may be taken by any
vitizen of Virginia upon payment of a
license fixed by the General Assembly.
Thousands of poor men manage to buy
a boat and raise the money for the license,
and then they are in position to support
themselves and their families taking oysters. If the lands are sold by the State
they will be purchased by men of means
and by corporations. The purchasers will
not take the oysters. They will rent the
lands to the oystermen, who will buy
what is taken from the waters. The
oystermen will have to give a half or a
third of the price received per bushe
as rent of the beds on which the oysters were taken.

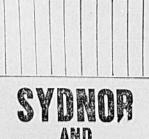
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